FOR PLACING AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONING TEAMS

Regulatory position statement

Supported accommodation for young people aged 16 and over in Wales

TIFA LIFE LTD · VERSION 1.1

This statement sets out the regulatory position of TIFA Life Ltd for local authorities in England and Wales that are considering a placement with us. It is written to be read alongside our Statement of Purpose and can be shared with legal, commissioning and quality assurance colleagues.

01 The service

TIFA Life provides supported accommodation for young people aged 16 and over across Wales: housing, together with support for daily living and independence. Placements include solo and shared accommodation, staffed group provision, emergency placements and provision for unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people. All of our accommodation is in Wales. Within the TIFA Group, TIFA Property leases the homes, TIFA Life employs the support teams and every placement is recorded in TIFA Connect, the group's own operating system, from the first day.

02 Registration in Wales

Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) registers the services defined as regulated services under the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016, among them care home services, secure accommodation services, fostering services and domiciliary support services. There is no CIW registration category for supported accommodation of this type for young people aged 16 and over, and our services do not provide care of the kind that requires registration under the Act. TIFA Life is therefore not a CIW-registered children's home or care service. This position applies to every provider operating this service model in Wales. Where a young person's needs would require a regulated service, we say so and decline the referral.

> OUR PUBLISHED POSITION, AS IT APPEARS ON LIFE.TIFA.CO.UK AND IN OUR COMMISSIONER PACK
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> TIFA Life provides 16+ supported accommodation, which sits outside the scope of Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) regulation. This is the correct regulatory position for our service type under current Welsh legislation. Our governance, safeguarding, staff training, and reporting standards are designed to match or exceed the expectations commissioners would apply to regulated services.

03 Ofsted and placing authorities in England

The Ofsted registration requirement for supported accommodation, introduced by the Supported Accommodation (England) Regulations 2023, applies to accommodation in England. It does not extend to accommodation in Wales, and Ofsted has no role in registering or inspecting Welsh provision. An English authority placing a young person with TIFA Life is placing in Wales, where the position in section 02 applies. The placing authority retains its statutory responsibilities for the young person, including care planning, statutory visits and reviews, and we support each of these from the start of the placement. English authorities have placed with TIFA Life in 2026 after considering this position.

04 Framework membership and commissioning oversight

TIFA Life is an approved provider on the All Wales Framework operated by the Children's Commissioning Consortium Cymru (4Cs), the national commissioning team that supports Welsh local authorities in placing children and young people with care and support plans. TIFA Life subscribes to the Children's Commissioning Support Resource (CCSR), through which Welsh authorities search for and record placements. Framework providers complete the 4Cs annual Quality Performance Assessment, and our 2026 return was submitted on 2 September 2026. Twelve Welsh authorities currently place with us, and we accept referrals from all 22.

05 Governance and assurance

In place of a regulator's registration, we give commissioners the evidence they would normally take from one. The following documents and records are available on request and form our due diligence pack:

- Statement of Purpose
- Safeguarding Children (Aged 16 to 17) Policy and safeguarding procedures
- Safer Recruitment Policy; support staff are DBS-checked at enhanced level and inducted before lone working
- Employer's liability and public liability insurance certificates
- Health and safety policy and property compliance records for the placement address
- Training and supervision records for the staff team
- Incident arrangements: logged within two hours, the placing authority's worker notified the same day, 72-hour review signed by a senior manager not involved
- Weekly reporting to the placing authority from TIFA Connect, with notifications and visits agreed at the start of the placement
- Data protection policies; TIFA Life Ltd is registered with the ICO under ZC131131

06 Verification

Any part of this statement can be checked directly with the organisations below.

FRAMEWORK AND CCSR STATUS

4Cs, Children's Commissioning Consortium Cymru

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COMPANY AND DATA PROTECTION REGISTRATIONS

Companies House and the ICO

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07 Changes to this position

TIFA Life will notify placing authorities in writing if the regulatory position for this service type in Wales changes, and will reissue this statement with a new version number.